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REMARKS

Thorough examination and careful review of the application by the Examiner is noted and appreciated.

The gracious allowance of Claim 39 is further noted and appreciated by the Applicants.

Claims 24-39 are pending in the application.

Claims 24-38 are rejected.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 102(b)

Claims 24-38 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Higashikawa et al '637.

Claims 24, 31 and 34-38 have been cancelled and withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner.

Claims 25 and 27-30 have been amended to change their dependencies to the allowed Claim 39. Claim 26 depends on Claim 25. A reconsideration for allowance of the newly amended Claims 25 and 27-39 and Claim 26 is respectfully requested of the


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Examiner.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that all the pending Claims, i.e. Claims 25-30 and 32-33 are now in condition for allowance. Such favorable action by the Examiner, together with the passage to issuance of the allowed Claims 39 is respectfully solicited from the Examiner.

In the event that the present invention as claimed is not in condition for allowance for any reason, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative at his Bloomfield Hills, Michigan office at (248) 540-4040 such that necessary action may be taken to place the application in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted



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